

honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on May 23 answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Robert Agramonte, Anthony P. Barrett, Raymond J. Bayster, Kenneth I. Beardsley, Howard B. Blumenthal, William Brandfon, Robert Chapman Buckley, Carl C. Burgess, John W. Capron, James P. Carney, Irwin E. Chukerman, Otto Gabriel Chvosta, Frederick A. Coleman, John Fred Corradetti, Edward Cygan, William J. Darras, Francis J. Dawson, Everett L. Dean, David R. Denis, Elaine L. Detweiler, G. Grant Duncan, Edward A. DuVernay, William J. Eisler, Jr., Harris J. Enervold, Victor F. Erdelac, Charles P. Esposito, Raymond Farley, Clyde F. Friedman, George F. Gebes, Louis Joseph Giannini, Howard Gilbert, Richard D. Golden, Joseph H. Gondek, Robert Fred Groen, Frederick L. Hanson, Hubert K. Hawbecker, Edwin J. Helman, George Hewitt, Harold M. Hogueisson, James M. Holec, Edward J. Hollowed, Richard Casper Hoogenboom, Raymond P. Hynek, Julius Jackson, Albert S. Jacobson, Kenneth Jahnke, Richard J. Kalina, Benjamin F. Kelly, Thomas Stanley Ketcik, John H. Klingberg, Max Kolpas, Albert Kreitzer, Lenon Lathan, Kenneth Lawrence, William Leonard, Samuel David Levine, Edward F. Lobus, Emil L. Martino, Rufus E. Meeks, Marion Messman, Ernest P. Meszaros, Walter G. Moeller, James P. Moffett, Ralph Mollo, Jerome Moss, Jr., William Mossman, Robert E. Murray, Edward Obrochta, John Pankovich, Charles V. Parker, Michael Pill, Carlton Hunt Prinderville, Theodore Purvin, Raymond F. Puszczan, Carl M. Qualeatti, John Thomas Quinn, Louis T. Rivard, Benjamin S. Rosales, Edward J. Rudenga, Walter S. Rybicki, Lawrence N. Sands, Jr., Vaile J. Scott, Vernon P. Seiler, Marguerite K. Smith, Eli Sobat, George F. Soukup, Paul B. Stoxen, Richard Earl Taylor, Joseph E. Tierney, Fred H. Tolzien, Dennis Trettel, Harold S. Troupin, Robert G. Wachholz, Edward C. Williams, Jr., Joseph T. Zich.

TRIBUTE TO BOB MITCHELL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my loyal district administrator, Bob Mitchell, in honor of his retirement after dedicating more than 32 years as my right-hand-man, my confidant, political adviser and tireless ambassador for southern and eastern Kentucky.

Bob Mitchell is arguably one of the greatest political advisers in the history of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He understands the power of partnerships, regionalization and communication, yet never underestimates the importance of gratitude and humility.

His father, the late Murrell Mitchell, who served as a member of the Knox County School Board, as well as three terms as a Knox County Magistrate, inspired Bob's political interests and philanthropic heart. It is thus his courage of conviction that has driven his work to transform southern and eastern Kentucky and improve the quality of life in our rural region.

With Bob Mitchell at the helm of all district projects, thousands of families now have access to clean water and sanitation systems, are protected by flood-control projects and live without the fear of yearly floods, have better roads to travel on, and have good-paying, stable jobs. He also helped launch and provide guidance to non-profit organizations like the Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation for job creation, Forward in the Fifth for education, The Center for Rural Development, TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky to promote tourism, PRIDE for environmental education and clean-ups, as well as Operation UNITE in fighting drug abuse.

Countless organizations and political candidates have coveted Bob Mitchell's impeccable leadership skills. He has served on a litany of boards from financial institutions to non-profit organizations and assisted with campaigns from county seats to Presidential hopefuls. His legacy will continue to flourish from the seeds of wisdom, hope, and inspiration he has planted across our great Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring my friend and my partner, Bob Mitchell, on his retirement. My wife, Cynthia and I wish Bob and his wife, Nancy all the best in the years to come.

HONORING CITY OF ORANGE MAYOR WILLIAM BROWN CLAYBAR

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a public servant that I have had the honor to know and work with.

A native and lifelong resident of Orange, Texas, William Brown Claybar is more than just a Mayor, he is a community leader. Brown Claybar runs a small business the community has relied on for more than three decades. While serving our community at city hall, he is also serving our Lord and his flock in many varied roles at the First United Methodist Church.

A graduate of Lutch Stark High School and Stephen F. Austin State University, Brown Claybar pursued further studies at the Commonwealth College of Mortuary Science and Rice Institute—Advanced Management Institute. A Past President of the South East Texas Funeral Directors Association, he has also chaired the Legislative Committee for the Texas Funeral Directors Association, served as Secretary of the Selected Independent Funeral Directors, a board member of the Great-

er Orange Area Chamber of Commerce and served as a former President and trustee of the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District.

It is impossible to name all his civic and community service, because the list is so long—the 1999 Community Builders Award from Madison Lodge 126 AF & AM and the Texas Grand Lodge of Texas, the 2002 distinguished Christian Service Award from Salem United Methodist Church, the 2003 Velma Jeter Scholarship Foundation Humanitarian Award, the 2008 Torch Award from the Beavement Chamber of Commerce and the April 2011 "Person of the Year" award from The Record Newspaper.

While he's proud of his many forms of service, his community is now taking a moment to let him know how proud we all are of him and how honored we all are that his wife Linda and their children and grandchildren have so willingly shared him with the town they all love so much.

When Brown Claybar says he has "thoroughly enjoyed" being Mayor, he means it. Through two severe hurricanes, Mayor Claybar has managed Orange's "competing interests" with a steady grace and a very large dose of common sense. While understanding the impossibility of "being all things to all people," Mayor Claybar has been the glue that has kept Orange together in tough times. His town will miss him. His staff will miss him. I will miss him.

Orange is a unique community that has faced difficulty with a humble and stalwart determination. That is also a fit description for Mayor Claybar who has helped the Golden Triangle's jewel navigate a tough start to the 21st century following Hurricanes Rita and Ike.

After a decade as mayor of Orange, William Brown Claybar is leaving city hall a stronger place than he found it. That truly is the highest compliment a Mayor can pay a community he loves so much.

CONGRATULATING DELORES HUERTA FOR BEING AWARDED THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Delores Huerta for being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. As you know, Mr. Speaker, the Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor and I cannot think of anyone in this country more deserving of this distinction than Delores Huerta.

A lifelong labor leader and civil rights activist, Delores Huerta's activism has helped redefine the way laborers in California and across the country are treated. From fighting to ensure safer working conditions to negotiating better salaries, Delores Huerta's influence extends far beyond California's San Joaquin Valley. Her unparalleled drive and dedication embody the spirit of activism that keeps our country moving forward.

In 1962, Delores Huerta co-founded the United Farm Workers Union with labor legend Cesar Chavez. As part of their struggle to ensure that farm workers receive a fair wage and